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Dated: January 11, 2005

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(Lisa J. Michaud)

Docket No.: 101896-0283  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: Sean P. Selover et al.

Application No.: 10/711,704

Filed: September 30, 2004

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIMALLY  
INVASIVE SPINAL FIXATION ELEMENT  
PLACEMENT

Confirmation No.: 5703

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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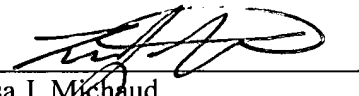
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed November 15, 2004, Part 2 – copy enclosed, Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Filing Fee for the Application (as shown on accompanying Fee Transmittal).

Our check in the amount of \$1,530.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 101896-0283.

Date: January 11, 2005

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 790 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$160** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1080** for a Large Entity

- **\$790** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$160**
  - **\$88** for 1 independent claims over 3.
  - **\$72** for 4 total claims over 20.

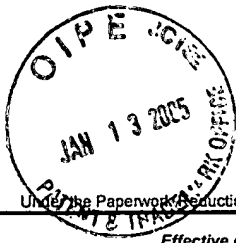
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<b>Effective on 12/08/2004.</b> <b>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</b> <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	10/711,704-Conf. #5703
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>		Filing Date	September 30, 2004
<b>(\$)</b> 1,530.00		First Named Inventor	Sean P. Selover
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
		Art Unit	3731
		Attorney Docket No.	101896-0283

<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b> (check all that apply)	
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For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, <b>except for the filing fee</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments

<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>							
<b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>							
	<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>		
		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	1,000.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
							<b>Small Entity</b>
							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Fee Description</b>							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)							50
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)							200
Multiple dependent claims							360
							180
<b>Total Claims</b>							<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>
<b>Extra Claims</b>							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Fee (\$)</b>							<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
24 - 20 = 4 x 50.00 =							
200.00							
<b>Indep. Claims</b>							<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
<b>Extra Claims</b>							
<b>Fee (\$)</b>							
4 - 3 = 1 x 200.00 =							
200.00							
<b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
<b>Total Sheets</b>		<b>Extra Sheets</b>	<b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b>		<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	
- 100 =		/50	(round up to a whole number) x		=		
<b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>							
							<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)							
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1051 Surcharge-Late filing fee							130.00

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,238
Name (Print/Type)	Lisa J. Michaud	Telephone	(617) 439-2000
		Date	January 11, 2005

<b>Fee Transmittal</b>	
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